GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:363
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FREE RAIL PASSES TO UNEMPLOYED YOUTHS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to give free Railway passes to the unemployed youths going for interview;

(b) if so, the number of unemployed youths to whom the Railway pass has been issued so far;

(c) whether the Government propose to give free passes to those unemployed youths going for the written exams;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): and (b): From 6.9.2004, 100% concession in second class basic Mail/Express fare has been extended to unemployed youths travelling to appear in interviews for selection to Central Government jobs, subject to certain conditions. Details of such journeys are, however, not separately maintained.

(c): No, sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): As a measure of austerity and economy, it is not feasible to enlarge the extant scheme.